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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the United States Secret Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

Richard Palmer, age 44, of Omaha, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Laurie Smith Camp to a 21 month prison term following Palmer's conviction for Mail Fraud. In addition to the prison term, Palmer was ordered to serve 3 years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$159,000.00 dollars in restitution to Gordman's, Inc., the victim of his fraudulent scheme.

During the period from January, 2004, through December 31, 2008, Palmer, in his capacity as the Director of Asset Protection for Gordman's, Inc., a multi-state clothing department store headquartered here in Omaha, Nebraska, devised and executed a scheme to defraud Gordman's, Inc. out of approximately \$159,000. As part of his duties and responsibilities as the Director of Asset Protection, the Defendant had the authority to purchase various electronic/video/camera equipment to be used by Gordman's, Inc. for security purposes at over seventy stores.

As part of the scheme, Palmer made unauthorized purchases of such equipment ostensibly for the use of Gordman's, Inc., when in truth and in fact, he used this equipment for his own personal use, as well as selling much of the equipment on E-Bay and Craig's List. Palmer concealed his scheme by creating false and fraudulent capital expenditure requests and forged the signature of his supervisor for the purpose of making these unauthorized purchases of equipment.

**Name of Defendant:** Richard Palmer

**AKA:**

**Age:** 44

**City of residence:** Omaha

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Mail Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341. Penalty of up to 20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Omaha

**Location of Arrest:** N/A

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** \$159,000

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** N/A

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** January 01, 2004 to on or about December, 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** N/A

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Information Returned Date:** April 29, 2010

**Initial Appearance Date:** April 29, 2010

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** April 29, 2010

**Sentencing Date:** August 31, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** F. A. Gossett

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Released

**In Continuous Custody Since:** N/A

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Laurie Smith Camp

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** RXM